

LINGERING SPORTS OF AUTUMN

Latest Gossip of Amateur and Professional.

WHISPERINGS OF THE WHEEL.

The Billiard Tournament—One Hundred Mile Race—Rifle Match and Miscellaneous Local Sports.

The progressive state of Nebraska boasted of over thirty base ball teams last season, notwithstanding the low obb public interest in the game had reached. Now, that the prospects are flattering for a general revival of enthusiasm over the great sport, the long talked-of state league should be formed. This is an enterprise advocated in The Big for three years past, and in 1887 it came within an ace of materializing. There are ten or twelve extra good ball teams in the state, and there is no reason why a paying league should not be organized from this number. Such cities as Fremont, Grand Island, Kearney, Hastings, York, Nebraska City, Beatrice, and others that could be mentioned should be interested in the interests of such a move. Good teams can be secured at little cost, the coming season, as in the case of these cities the summer luxury of good base ball. The Big will gladly lend any assistance within its power to advance the cause of a state or inter-state league.

The Downfall of Barnes.

John S. Barnes, the ex-prize fighter, who kept the Western association hanging on the ropes during his connections with the St. Pauls, is in trouble out at Spokane—because somebody has done again, that's all. Speaking about eliminating bums and hoodlums in the far west, they would do well to begin with their managers. Say! You never saw a man like Barnes, did you? Well, it shall be short.

About the middle of the season, one afternoon during the progress of a game he got into a dispute with Manager Selee over some special arrangement about a division of the receipts. He became very abusive in the presence of a large audience, heaped the vilest epithets in Selee's head, but Frank was a gentleman, and after informing the busy prize fighter that he would not fight him, he left him the morning, he left him and returned to his seat on the players' bench.

The next morning Barnes was on hand, good and solid, at McCormick's office. McCormick and Selee were also there, and so was Arthur R. McCormick's Apollo-like son-in-law, who was in the shape of a man, and his batteries in good shape, resuming his abuse of Manager Selee and finally turning on Mr. McCormick, declaring his willingness to reach for his prize, if he had any objections to offer. Simultaneous with this belittling pronouncement a six-foot figure loomed up like a specter from behind the office desk, and in the twinkling of an eye straight out from the shoulder, and the protuberant bunch of fives you ever saw went against the St. Paul manager's mouth like the kick of a mule. He went over the railing backwards, the back of his head making a dent in the cured oak flooring that is to be seen there to this day.

That's all. After that, when the Apostles came to Omaha, Mr. Barnes was conspicuous by his absence. He is no hog, and knows when he's got enough.

The Palace Billiard Tournament.

The palace billiard tournament is now a fixed quantity, and the balls will be set rolling on the afternoon of December 26, at 3 o'clock sharp. The arrangements have all been perfected and the management is counting on a big success. The contestants are all local experts, evenly enough matched to assure close contests in each case. Where there is a well known name, the name can count on a week of genuine pleasure. Following is the week's card:

- Friday afternoon, E. Cahn vs Harry Parrish, 300 points up, Parrish to receive a handicap of 60 points.
Friday night, Charlie Beck vs W. E. Magner, 300 points.
Saturday afternoon, Harry Parrish vs W. Hall, 300 points up.
Saturday night, C. Beck vs E. Cahn, 300 points up.
Sunday afternoon, Harry Parrish vs W. Hall, 300 points up.
Sunday night, Parrish vs Magner, 300 points up.
Monday afternoon, W. Hale vs Magner, 300 points up.
Monday night, Cahn vs Hale, Cahn handicapped at 60 points.
Tuesday afternoon Cahn vs Magner, Cahn handicapped at 60 points.
Wednesday afternoon Beck vs Parrish, 300 points up.
There is much interest being manifested in the event, and the prospects are for a brilliant success.

The Cowboy President Talks.

President Spens says of the proposed reduction in salaries: "The Kansas City club has always treated players fairly, and it will continue to do so. We have always thought the players got too much, and the men who put up money in baseball got too little. In baseball the risk is what may be termed extra hazardous, and the man who puts money into it is entitled to any reasonable dividends. And he should get it before he gets over an unreasonable salary. Baseball isn't a business in which 10 per cent interest on money invested is a fair thing. If you were insured of 10 per cent interest on a sum that would do very well, but in any case a club may be almost wiped out by heavy losses. It is a thing that is liable to occur at any time. Then where are the players' salaries about think about these matters before they charge the men backing baseball with being over-exacting and all that."

The Shamrocks' Fine Showing.

Following will be found the past season's record of the Shamrocks, one of the city's best amateur baseball teams:
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The Lincoln Giants Redivivus.

William Castone, manager of the Lincoln Giants last season, was in the city yesterday, having just returned from New York. He will reorganize the Giants, making them stronger than ever, and he has been locating them in some good town with the view of entering the proposed state league.

Around the Office Stove.

The country is safe. The Brotherhood and Sitting Bull are both dead.
"Old" Joe Miller will be put back on third base again next season for the Minnies.
Kansas City has made Louisville an offer for Raymond, the crack third baseman.
The cranks are crazy to know the "make-up" of the teams for 1891, and the woods are full of predictions.
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Gossip Among the Amateurs.

Flynn can cover first in great style.

Keim will hold down first bag for Blair.

St. Joseph will play with West Omaha.

Hachtower will play with the Eden Musees.

Toner will cover first base for the Nonpareils.

Shannahan is hustling for next season's Nonpareils.

Wigman, the Cranes' center fielder, is very well at the bat.

Elmer Geist may pitch for an Omaha team the coming season.

Schwartz will cover third for the Crane company's best season.

Forrest is not a hot success as an infidel.

Outfield is his position.

The West Omahas have a great battery in Grandjean and Linahan.

Hart will cover second regularly for the West Omahas.

Norgren will cover short for his old team, the West Omahas, in 1891.

Charley Tew of last season's Blair team has signed with the West Omahas.

Jack Gordon has had an offer from the Lead City, S. D. team in the city.

The Eighteenth Street Stars will be out stronger than ever for next season.

My! what a game Bowman does put up at first base, just like Wally Andrews.

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Stockham, the great twirler, will be on deck stronger than ever next season.

Sage, the crack catcher of the West Lawns, would be a good addition to the Shamrocks.

The West Lawns will probably not have a team next year, but it is not certain yet.

Patterson, the City Steams' third baseman, is tending bar on North Sixteenth street.

Hurley will play center field and change places with the star of the West Omaha team.

Jack Morse, formerly with the City Steams, would like to join some good Omaha team.

Lawson is the best hitting first baseman, and is also the poorest fielding one in Omaha.

"Short" Shortstop for the Shamrocks, is booked for a glove contest in the near future.

It is rumored that a strong team will represent N. B. Falconer in the City League next year.

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Miscellaneous Local Sports.

The Coliseum will be the scene of a professional six-day race early in January.

The row in the League of American wheelmen is assuming menacing proportions.

The Buffalo club has withdrawn.

C. A. Bogardus of Allegheny has challenged the veteran, Captain A. H. Bogardus, for a friendly match at Chicago, Dec. 21.

The rifle shots will assemble on the bar across the bridge this afternoon and hold an old-fashioned Christmas turkey shoot.

No less than 519 trotters and pacers have been entered in the coming race.

The Ohio man shines in the field. J. A. R. Elliott of Kansas City, the champion wing shot of America, was born in Mansfield.—Mun-

The indoor baseball championship season opens this afternoon at the Coliseum with a game between the Eden Musees and West Omaha.

Frank Hart, the colored "ped," says he used to go to school at Boston with Nat Goodwin, Fields of Fields & Hanson, and Henry E. Darrow, July 4, 1890. Messrs. Charles Daniels and Charles H. Benderfer of Goshen, have been by the racing board last week. A cruel, hard-hearted manager of a female Cincinnati saloon, says he is in need of a few dollars for Christmas day. A net has been made here for trapping the prolific little members of the feathered tribe.

Down in Kansas City one of the local pool rooms has succeeded in securing a pawbrower, so that its customers will not have to leave the house. That is the conclusion drawn by the local press.

Kansas has elected several freaks to congress, and one of them is a Methodist preacher named Baker, who, in addition to an ability to talk the plaster off a ceiling, is a man of letters, and one of the best shots in the state.

"In those latter days" many records have been smashed and the only time record made in the 90's which still holds the list is Norfolk's three mile heat race at Sacramento in 1895. Norfolk beat Led on that occasion in 5:27 1/2 and 5:29 1/2.

Fred Fuller of this city and F. L. Sackett of Council Bluffs will indulge in a rifle match tomorrow afternoon at Rohrer's park. Council Bluffs, for \$25 a side. The conditions are, 100 yds. each, off-hand, 300 yards, with 25 Winchester.

What a match J. A. R. Elliott and Al Bando could make! Captain Hand's record—100 straight live pigeons—made here on Christmas day three years ago, has never been equalled but once. Captain Bogardus accomplished the feat at Chicago on July 21, 1890.—Times-Star.

The Trap at St. Joe.

St. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 20.—(Special to THE BEE.)—Following is the score of a live bird team shoot that took place here today for \$100 and the cost of the birds, modified English rules:

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A One Hundred Mile Chase.

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